(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;

(c) whether the views of the various child rights' organisations functioning in the country have been obtained, especially in regard to powers, functions and the structure of the Commission; and

(d) to what extent the proposed Commission would meet India's international commitments in implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) The proposal to set up a National Commission for Children is under consideration of the Government, keeping in view the provisions of other National Commissions.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The existing constitutional provisions, laws, policies, programmes and schemes available in the country for children are fully consistent with the obligations required under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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382. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Women and Child Development has mooted a proposal for regulating Child Counselling Services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of constituting any regulatory body on the lines of Medical Council of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Government is engaged in a planning exercise to upgrade and professionalise counselling sevices for women and children. As of now, there is no firm proposal for establishing a Counselling Council of India.